

Fair Tuesday, slightly warmer north and east portions; Wednesday fair, warmer; gentle to moderate variable winds mostly northeast over east portion and south over northwest portion. Highest temperature yesterday 46 degrees; lowest 31 degrees.

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ATTITUDE OF THE FRENCH PRESS MAY CAUSE MOVE IN THE CONFERENCE SITE

It Is Reported That the French Press Has Adopted an Obstructive Policy Together With Some of the French Delegates to the Peace Conference and May Cause Removal.

COMMISSION ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMPLETES DRAFT

The Committee on This Important Subject at Its Seventh Meeting Finished the First Reading of the Draft of the Document, and Will Proceed With Second Reading Today, Belief.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The question of moving the peace conference to a neutral country may be considered, if what is characterized as the obstructive policy of the French press, and certain French officials, continues, it developed today.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The commission of the League of Nations today at its seventh meeting finished the first reading of the draft under discussion, and heard the report of the committee, whom the commission entrusted with the revision of certain articles of the draft. The official communication this evening says that though certain of the earlier articles may be subject to re-examination at tomorrow's session, it is confidently expected the commission will be able to proceed with the second reading then.

The report of the revision committee enables the commission virtually to complete the plan. This assures consideration of the plan at the plenary session of the peace conference, before President Wilson's departure. The plan is understood to leave the formation of a permanent international court of justice to the society after its organization. The constitution of the society itself will be written by representatives of the greater powers now here. Credit for the plan of organization will be given the United States.

Paris, Feb. 10.—A resolution asking that the women be represented in the peace conference will be presented to President Wilson tonight by a delegation representing the woman suffragists of the associated powers.

Paris, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—If the peace commission on credentials ever begins its functions some stirring developments are expected to follow.

The commission has not met thus far, even to organize, the conference having been got along entirely without the right of any delegates to their seats being challenged, which probably is without precedent in the history of such international gatherings, it being recalled that the famous Westphalian congress of 1647 spent the better portion of a year in verifying the credentials of its members.

The usual course at the assemblies are for the delegates to exchange their credentials as soon as they gather, any one of them being privileged to make objection to the credentials of another if he finds grounds to do so. It was stated however that the commission on credentials of the present conference would conduct any investigation found necessary, of the sufficiently of the papers brought in by each delegate and that it would await the arrival of all the delegates before undertaking the work.

The delegates have been coming along in single file ever since the opening of the conference and it has not been thought proper to begin the examination of the documents. Rumors, however, have been current recently that there was another reason for the day's apprehension on the part of the directing forces of the conference that objections would be immediately lodged against the presence of some persons who have already occupied seats in the conference and who, it is declared, are not proper representatives of their governments or accredited by organizations that have no existence as to governments.

Leading members of the conference express confidence that these persons have a proper status in the body, have been sanctioned their presence and have admitted some of them to membership in the principal commissions and it is understood the conference leaders do not desire to have an issue raised now in this connection that might result in bad feeling and interfere with the smooth progress of the peace making work.

Paris, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Such headway has been made by some of the lesser commissions of the peace conference with the plans before them and it is expected these commission will be ready to report a number of important projects to the conference for its action almost immediately

JAPAN GIVES AID TO OMSK GOVERNMENT

Reports State That the Russians Have Accepted Offer of Aid From the Japanese.

AFRAID ALLIES WILL WITHDRAW

It Is Said That the Step Was Taken Because It Was Feared Allies Leave Russ to Fate.

London, Feb. 10.—Japan has notified China that China must work in harmony with Japan at the peace conference, and not reveal to the conference the secret Sino-Japanese agreements, according to a Reuter dispatch from Peking. The correspondent says the information comes from Chinese sources. Reuters says it should be regarded with some reserve.

According to a dispatch, Japan stipulated that failure by China to give such assurances would result in effective financial pressure on China.

Vladivostok, Feb. 10.—(By the Canadian Press.)—Reports from Omsk state that the Russian government there has accepted the offer from Japan of men, money and arms to settle Bolshevik difficulties. This step, it was stated, is due to reports that the allies are to withdraw their forces from Siberia and also to a fear that the conference at the Princes Islands will result in recognition of the Bolsheviks.

In return for the aid she is to give, the reports state, Japan will secure an iron and coal concession in the Priamur district.

A Vladivostok report under date of January 27, received by the Canadian Press, said all parties in Siberia were alarmed over rumors that the allies were in Siberia would withdraw in the spring or summer. There has been no official statement on this subject from any government concerned.

The Omsk government is headed by Admiral Kolchak and holds sway over a great part of Siberia and the eastern part of European Russia. It has carried on an active campaign against the Bolsheviks. Representatives of the Omsk government have declared against attending the conference at the Princes Islands.

Japanese forces are included in the allied expedition in Siberia which is under the supreme command of a Japanese general. The Priamur district probably is the southern part of the Amur province where there are large coal and iron mines.

ASK AMERICANS TO RALLY BACK OF WILSON'S PLAN

Chicago, Feb. 10.—An appeal to American citizens to unite in support of President Wilson in his fight for a league of nations, was made today by prominent speakers at the opening session of the Great Lakes congress of the league to enforce peace. The opinion was expressed that the league should be based on constructive peace, justice and sound principles.

BILL TO CUT 15 BILLION FROM WAR COSTS APPROVED

Washington, Feb. 10.—The house bill, providing for a reduction of fifteen billion dollars in war appropriations and contract authorizations, and making \$295,000,000 for deficiency appropriations, passed the senate today. It now goes to conference.

THREE SCHOONERS TO BE AUCTIONED FROM CUSTOM HOUSE STEPS

Three wooden schooners of the fleet of the Lutz Shipping Co., whose former president was E. Lutz, interned German citizen, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, from the steps of the U. S. custom house in Pensacola during the month of April. The sale will be conducted through the administrative section of the U. S. shipping board, and the transfer made through the customs office.

The ships are the Crescent, the Maud H. Dudley, the Seguin, and the John Francis, American vessels plying in the gulf coast trade to Cuba, Haiti and Porto Rico. The Dominican ships, Delia, lately in the port of Pensacola, another vessel of the fleet, was lost last week when she ran aground on the coast of Haiti.

The John Francis will be auctioned off on April 1st and Crescent and Maud H. Dudley on April 15th.

Money obtained from the sale, over and above the expense incurred will go to the U. S. government.

John A. Merritt and Co., is trustee for the vessels.

News In Brief From All Over The Universe

New York, Feb. 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation on January 21 were \$24,268 tons, according to the corporation's monthly statement, issued today. This is a decrease of 694,281 tons compared with the orders on December 31.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 10.—Ime Kaplan, secretary of the committee directing the textile strike here, was arrested today on a federal charge of evading the draft.

Tacoma, Wn., Feb. 10.—Following the decision of the Central Labor council last evening, the general strike is off in Tacoma today and members of the union who went out in the sympathetic strike went back to work at 8 o'clock this morning.

Denver, Feb. 10.—Twenty-five of the 65 public schools of Denver were closed today as a strike of the stationery engineers employed by the school district which went into effect at 8 o'clock this morning. The failure of the school board to meet the demands of the engineers for increased salaries resulted in the strike.

New York, Feb. 10.—The army freight transport Arakan arrived here today from Bordeaux with thirteen casual officers, six enlisted men of detachment casual company No. 17 of New York, and two civilians.

London, Feb. 10.—The eye trouble with which Viscount Grey, former British secretary of state for foreign affairs has been afflicted for years, now has culminated in total blindness, says the Daily Mail today. Viscount Grey is learning to read by the Braille system of characters for the blind.

Seattle, Wn., Feb. 10.—Decision to remain out on strike was reached at midnight last night by the executive board of approximately 4,000 boat-shoemen and truckers. The Waterfront Employers association will resume work at docks and warehouses tomorrow with whatever help they can obtain.

Zurich, Switz., Feb. 10.—Spartan disorders of a grave nature broke out in Berlin Saturday evening, according to advices received here. Soldiers and sailors, commanded by former Chief of Police Eichenberg, are reported to have occupied Alexanderplatz, and government troops opened fire upon them, six persons being killed and forty wounded. German censorship is withholding details of the trouble.

Lisbon, Feb. 10.—It is announced in reports from Aveiro that Captain Menon de Silva, Commander of the royalist leader, has been wounded, probably in fighting at Lamego or Vizeu, which have been taken by republican forces.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 10.—Dr. Richard Ernest Kunze, widely known naturalist, is dead here at the age of 81.

Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 10.—Nearly all the textile mills in the 19-kilowatt valley started on a 48-hour week schedule today.

HINDENBURG HAS 18 DIVISIONS ON WEST FRONT, CLAIM

London, Feb. 10.—British newspapers of all shades of opinion are devoting serious attention to the attitude adopted by the German government toward the armistice conditions. The Daily News Paris correspondent sends a dispatch from "authoritative sources" on the subject, saying his informant told him he had the best reason to believe that Germany is continuing to demobilize. She has now concentrated more than eighteen divisions under Hindenburg on the western front, the correspondent quotes his informant as saying.

NEGROES TAMPER WITH MAILED; MUST APPEAR IN COURT

Following the arrest of several negroes at Marianna on charges of tampering with mails and express, hearings in the cases are expected to be held today or tomorrow, before U. S. Commissioner Bruce at Marianna. It is probable that U. S. Attorney Nealey or his assistant, Earl Hoffman, will handle the government's case before Commissioner Bruce.

OKALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTE \$48,000 AS THEIR SHARE FOR BIG FOREST ROAD

Crestview, Fla., Feb. 10.—The county commissioners of Okaloosa county in a special session today set aside forty eight thousand dollars to cooperate with the federal government in building the Crestview to Camp Walton national forest road. The highway is now assured, and construction will begin at once.

SUFFRAGE IS BEATEN AGAIN IN THE SENATE

Vote for the Women by Federal Constitutional Amendment Is Beaten Again.

FLORIDA SENATORS VOTE AGAINST IT

Senators Fletcher and Trammell Are Among Near Solid South Against Amendment.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Woman suffrage by federal constitutional amendment was beaten again today in the senate.

Thus ended what leading suffrage champions had said in advance would be the final test of this session of congress. The suffrage advocates went into the test knowing they lacked one vote, but hoping to the last it would be won.

The vote was 55 for and 29 against, which failed of the required two-thirds.

Those voting in favor of the proposition were: Democrats—Ashurst, Culberson, Gerry, Gore, Henderson, Johnson, of North Dakota; Jones, of New Mexico; Kendrick, Kibb, Lewis, McKellar, Myers, Nugent, Tamm, Tollock, Ransdell, Robinson, Sharkey, Shippard, Smith, of Arizona; Thomas, Thompson, Vardaman, and Walsh—24. Republicans—Caldwell, Harding, Johnson, of California; Jones, of Washington; Frelinghuysen, Granna, Cull, Cummins, Curtis, Fernald, France, Kellogg, Kenyon, La Follette, Lenoir, McCumber, McNary, Nelson, New, Norris, Page, Pomeroy, Sherman, Smith, of Michigan; Smith, of South Carolina; Swanson, Trammell, Underwood, Williams and Wolcott—15.

Republicans—Baird, Borah, Brandegee, Dillingham, Hale, Lodge, McLean, Moses, Penrose, Wadsworth and Weeks—11. Total against, 29.

The following were voted: Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Horton of Kentucky, with Reed of Missouri; Goff of West Virginia and Owen of Oklahoma with Shields of Tennessee; Hollis of New Hampshire and King of Utah, with Knox of Pennsylvania, and Phelan of California and Bell of New Mexico, with Smith of Maryland.

EASTERN PAPER CONTENTS ACT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Providence, R. I., Feb. 10.—The Providence Journal will print tomorrow a statement declaring that, after consulting some of the best known constitutional lawyers in the country, it believes the action of Secretary Folk in proclaiming the prohibition amendment effective and adopted was illegal. The proclamation was entirely void, the Journal contends, for the reason that when it was made, thirty-six states had not ratified the amendment.

WITNESS WOULD NOT APPEAR SO CAPTIVE IS FREED

J. H. McQuade was released by U. S. Commissioner John C. Avery yesterday, when the complaining witness in the case refused to testify against him. McQuade was charged with the crime of incest. A woman named Mrs. Q. Kent, who is said to be McQuade's daughter made the original complaint, but refused to testify in the case, when she found that testimony would incriminate herself.

CUT SENTENCES OF COURTS MARTIAL DEALT BY ARMY

Washington, Feb. 10.—Substantial reduction of sentences imposed by courts martial for offenses during the war, will be made by the board of officers, constituted in the office of the judge advocate general of the army, except for the gravest charges. Secretary Baker announced today.

HUGE PLANT OF FORMER GERMAN COMPANY TO BE SOLD IN NEAR FUTURE

Sale of the huge plant of the American Lumber Co. on St. Andrews Bay, formerly the German American Lumber Co., seized at the beginning of the war by the United States government and valued at over three million dollars, will be conducted at Milledgeville the present office of the company, in the near future. Proceeds of the sale, above the expenses, will go to the federal government.

Spier Whitaker, of Washington, assistant general counsel for Alien Property Custodian Mitchell S. Palmer, H. M. Randolph, of Birmingham, and Charles Hebard, of

TEXAS OIL COMPANY GIVEN PERMIT TO CREATE MIGHTY INDUSTRY AT PENSACOLA

City Takes Mighty Stride Forward Toward Developing Its Deep Water Harbor to the Fullest Extent—Oil Burning Cargo Vessels May Now Make This Port Instead of New Orleans.

TEXAS OIL COMPANY WILL BEGIN WORK ON PROJECT IMMEDIATELY

The Great Station Will Be Erected on a Site Recently Purchased From the Bruce Dry Dock Company—Officials of the Texas Oil Company Are Expected Here Early Next Week.

Granting of a permit by the city of Pensacola to the Texas Oil Co., for the establishment of a great fuel oil station, at an expenditure of more than a million dollars, is the latest step in Pensacola's onward path of progress.

The location of the station here means a tremendous impetus to shipping and the export trade, and will insure the great fleet of oil-burning mahogany-log-carrying vessels of the Mengel Co., continuing to make their shipments here instead of going to New Orleans, as they have done for the most part heretofore, according to Fred Gilmore, representing the Texas folks.

Work on the property, recently purchased by the Texas Oil Co., from the Bruce Dry Dock Co., will begin almost immediately, and officials of the former firm are expected in Pensacola next week to begin active preparations for the building of the pier, etc. Fred Gilmore, applied to the board of city commissioners for the right and franchise to construct and maintain such a pier in connection with the business to be carried on by the company.

The site for the station is located between Olivia and Clubbs street on valuable waterfront property. The pier will be not wider than 30 feet, and will extend from a point on the west side of Clubbs street approximately 1830 feet south of the center line on Main street, and southerly along the western line of Clubbs street a distance of 410 feet, thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 600 feet.

The pier must be constructed within six months after the passage of an ordinance granting the privilege or at any time thereafter when it shall cease to be used in connection with this business.

CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING TRADES ORDERED TO STRIKE

New York, Feb. 10.—Union heads of the basic building and construction trades which began tomorrow, will affect all contracts throughout the country held by members of the Building Employers' association, according to an announcement tonight by William J. Hutchinson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

PACKERS AGREE TO U. S. REGULATION OF MEAT INDUSTRY

Washington, Feb. 10.—Regulation of the meat industry by a presidential commission representing producers, meat packers and consumers, would be approved by the five big packers, the senate agricultural committee was told today by Levy Mayer, counsel for Armour and Company today.

THREATENS TIE-UP OF CITY SANITARY LAW JUST PASSED

Threatening to take the matter to court is necessary and stating that other property owners were ready to join him in "knocking out any such imposition," H. F. Mansfield addressed a strong protest to the board of city commissioners yesterday on the new sanitary closet provision, which was recently enacted into a municipal ordinance.

Mansfield claims that the city has no right to ask citizens to install such closets, until it has established a reliable cleaning service. He claims that the city has no authority to force a contractor on his premises.

Besides for the sanitary working material were opened yesterday by the commissioners. Crona Bros. bid \$19.50 and Daniels and Burres for \$13.84.

Two applications for the proposed position of government sanitary inspectors in Pensacola have been made. The applicants are M. J. Murphy and Walker Wilkins.